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In re Patent Application of)
Jonas Andersson) Group Art Unit: 2642
Application No. 09/594,816) Examiner Jack Chiang
Filed: June 16, 2000) Confirmation No. 1951
For: Impedance Matched Horn having)
Impedance Matched to Impedance)
of an Ear)

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RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed on November 27, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted.

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 1-3, 5-11, and 13-15 stand rejected for anticipation by U.S. Patent No. 6,321,070 to Clark et al. ("Clark"), and claims 4, 12, and 16-19 stand rejected for obviousness over Clark. These rejections are respectfully traversed in that Clark does not disclose all of the elements of the claims.

Independent claims 1 and 7 each require, among other things, "an acoustic horn". The Action characterizes Clark's elements 1207, 1216, and 1226 as an acoustic horn, but this is erroneous; Clark simply does not disclose an acoustic horn of any kind.

It will be understood that an acoustic horn, such as Applicant's horn 27 depicted in Fig. 3, is a shaped element. As defined in Funk & Wagnalls Standard Desk Dictionary, rev'd ed. (1976), a horn is a "hollow, tubular device terminating in a cone of varying cross section, for collecting sound waves, as in a loudspeaker". A



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Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are _____
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$375.00 (2801) ☐ \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted _____ on _____, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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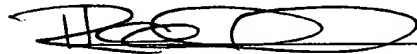
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